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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Schwab et al

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For: VIDEO INPUT SWITCHING AND SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please replace current claim 18 with the following:*

18. (Thrice Amended) A method of automatically changing to an alternate transmission medium at a TV viewer location, comprising the steps of:  
entering, at the viewer location, information regarding a viewing preference;  
transmitting a TV program from a source to a viewer location;  
receiving the TV program at the viewer location over a first transmission medium; and  
automatically switching the TV program to the alternate transmission medium based on the information previously entered by the viewer without requiring any additional viewer intervention at the time of the switching.